

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: (a) Yes; only in certain parts of the Karimkulam pakuthi;

(b) So far, eight wells have been sunk in various parts of the Karimkulam pakuthi. Proposals for sinking two more wells immediately are under consideration.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether any well was sunk at Parasala?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: There are already ten wells at Parasala.

Sittings of the District Court, Parur, from 9-11-1111 to 1-12-1111.

71. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was no sitting of the District Court of Parur from 9-11-1111 to 1-12-1111; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what was the reason for the same?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

(a) No.

(b) The appointment of the District Judge, Parur, as Ag. judge, High Court and the delay in the substitute's taking charge of the District Court.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to the answer to part (b) when was the acting judge appointed and the permanent judge left Parur?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I believe the final orders about the appointment of the acting judge were communicated to the High Court on 32-11-1111.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know what was the reason for the delay in making necessary arrangements from 9-11-1111?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The delay was due to the careful consideration that had to be given to the matter. Some correspondence had to pass between the Government and the High Court before the acting appointment could be sanctioned.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the High Court did recommend anybody?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The correspondence on the subject is confidential, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know the date when the High Court made the recommendation and the name of the person recommended?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The correspondence, the date and everything connected with the subject are confidential.

Cases posted for trial in the Parur District Court.

72. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(a) the number of civil as well as criminal cases, including Sessions cases, that stood posted on the various dates from 9-11-1111 to 1-12-1111 in the Parur District Court;

(b) the number of under-trial prisoners as well as accuseds involved in all those cases; and

(c) the number of witnesses summoned to appear on those days?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :

(a), (b) and (c) The *statement required is laid on the table.

Bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapattukadavu.

73. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai :** With reference to the necessity for a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapattukadavu in Ottasekharamangalam pakuthi, which was the subjectmatter of question No. 45 answered in the Council on 18-6-1110 (Vol. IV. No. 4), will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the bridge was left to wait until the three traces leading to it are made fit for cart traffic;

(b) whether the three traces referred to have been made fit for cart traffic; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, what is the delay in starting the construction of the bridge?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup : (a) Yes.

(b) Only two traces have been made fit for traffic.

(c) A rough estimate has been called for by the Chief Engineer for the construction of the bridge.

Prohibition of prayer in schools.

74. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have issued orders prohibiting the conduct of prayers and worship in schools during holidays;

* *Vide* appendix IV—page 277.